A PRETTY Je Je COMPANION

By Louise Bedford.

CHAPTER II. - (Continued.) get on there tonight. I don't know supplanted by you." where this frolicsome engine has at least 10 miles away from North- filling her heart for the woman before

Janetta gave an involuntary start; | dently dealt so hardly. the man's destination was the same as "Not supplanted," she said, "only

I'll be off then. Your patient is open- | mistake. ing her eyes; the rest of the passenchild he sought in her arms.

He smiled and lifted his hat. "Let me relieve you of your burden." he said, a certain tenderness in his voice as he looked at the little child. "There, don't cry"-to the little one-

"mammy's all right." turned to Janetta, standing by her with a certain hesitation.

"I have turned up a friend here who kindly offers his dogeant to forward when she went downstairs, me to my destination. Can I be of any service to you? I expect there with Miss Seymour in her boudoir,

to ask where you are going?" ness of motion. The shock had half advised her remaining upstairs. Northcliff," she said.

speak to Drake about it Sit down osity. "Kindly tell me your name, and I'll presence in Miss Seymour's room, forwarded to us later."

"I'm Miss Howard." "Thank you. Then I'll see if there lowed the maid. and Merivale to be rescued from the more perfect in detail than any she did farming might be brought back to debris, and then we'll get on as fast had ever entered. It was a general the good old times when it paid to as we can. As Miss Seymour is deli- sense of beauty and luxury that struck | engage in it." Mr. Weller, who lives rumors of an accident to our train be- itself at once upon its only occupant. with his men, says the Philadelphia

companion hurried off to complete his drawn near the fire. preparations; "and I should not won- She raised herself to a sitting pos- operations for awhile, remarked that of the old lady. Very likely has ex- smile of welcome.

pectations! hardly help smiling at the curious position in which she found herself, seated side by side with a complete stranger in a borrowed dogcart, going to a lady of whom she knew absolutely

nothing but the name. "It is certainly a curious coincidence that you and I should be bound for the same house," began Mr. Merivale; "but it is still more curious to me that, often as I am down at the Grange, I have not heard your name mentioned

before." "That is easily explained. I answered Miss Seymour's advertisement for a companion, and she is kind enough to give me a trial. We have not met," said Janetta simply.

Her companion turned quickly, and, in the half light, gave a swift, scrutinizing glance, accompanied by a smile, of which Janetta found it hard to explain the meaning. It was half amused and half incredulous. He made no sort of comment upon her explanation, but turned the conversation rapidly to other channels.

"He knows all about that eccentric old lady's advertisement," she thought. ably on many topics and the ten miles' pity that Janetta felt must have found gave a little start of astonishment when Mr. Merivate pointed with his laugh, whip to the twinkling lights of the little harbor, and told her that they one else-I read it in your eyes; but were within half a mile of their des- I'm not going to die. I'm going to get

and, turning into a drivegate set open you are so light and small." to receive them, drew up at the door

by an extremely smart pariormaid into | but many did. the low, oak-pannelled hall, where a log-fire blazed cheerily on the hearth. vanced to meet her.

ard," said Mr. Merivale.

CHAPTER III.

Janetta's heart sank. The stern features of the lady to whom she was introduced scarcely relaxed into a smile. and a cold hand held her own.

"Come in, Miss Howard Your train must have been very late; we expected you more than an hour ago." "There was an accident. The train

ran off the line, I think, and we were landed, Mr. Merivale and I---" "Captain Merivale," corrected her

Janetta glanced round quickly to see if Captain Merivale had followed, and was listening to the correction; but

he was nowhere to be seen. his account, Miss Seymour. He told place to be laid at every meal.

me that you were not strong." mirthless smile.

"I am not Miss Seymour. It is she is occasionally depressing." many years since any one troubled "You will give me something to do?" himself to consider my feelings. I am said Janetta, when Miss Seymour came her remains be incinerated and the the achievements of Gladstone were Mrs. Mortimer, Miss Seymour's lady to a pause. "Not the things that Mrs. ashes mingled with those of her hus- the extensions of the franchise, the housekeeper. Until lately I believed Mortimer has done for you, it might band in the urn where his already re disestablishment of the Irish church,

I'm dull, apparently, and getting old. "I'm sure I don't know how I shall I'm not enough for her, and I am to be

Janetta stretched out her hands chosen to deposit us, but we must be eagerly, appealingly, a great sorrow her, with whom the world had evi-

supplemented. I don't know what "You can take my dogcart, if you | Miss Seymour's wants may be, but let like. It's at a house hard by. I've me help you any way I can. I don't a case there that will detain me for care what I do. You can put me into the night," rejoined the doctor curtly. the way of things, tell me my duties, "Thanks, ever so much. I believe and give me a hint when I make a

gers seem sorting themselves. Let me | the elder woman coldly, looking at see, there's a child that belongs to this | the outstretched hands, but not taking woman somewhere." And, glancing them into her own, "You are young round, he saw Janetta, faithful to her and good-looking; they are the only trust seated on the bank with the qualifications which Miss Seymour seems to require. She will see you. she says, after dinner. Shall I show you to your room?"

Janetta followed her up the thickly-carpeted stairs into a room so luxuriously furnished that she could hardly believe that it was the one He carried it off as gently as a intended for her, except that her fur woman would have done; then he re- | coat had been already carried up there, with such other possessions as she had with her in the carriage.

"Captain Merivale dines tonight will be a train presently to carry on | she explained as she led the way into the passengers. Is it an impertinence the dining room, "Sometimes Miss Seymour is well enough to dine with Janetta rose, with a feeling of stiff- us, but today she has been over-excit- under," said a voice behind her; and, ness in her limbs and some unsteadi- ing herself, and was so tired that I looking round, Janetta saw that Cap-

dazed her. "I'm going to the Grange. | Janetta would have liked to have unperceived. asked a hundred questions about Miss 'How very odd! I'm bound for the | Seymour, but the presence of the parsame place. Under the circumstances. lormaid and the forbidding manner of we had better go on together. I'll her companion made her curb her curi-

again a minute. You look as if the | They had scarcely returned to the accident had been too much for your drawing room before a message was nerves," he said, smiling pleasantly. delivered to Janetta to demand her those hundred sheaves of wheat in

see that your luggage and my own are You can show Miss Howard the D. Weller, who, with three assistants, way to your mistress' room, Mason," was recently beaten in a wheat-thrashsaid Mrs. Mortimer. And Janetta fol- ing contest by four women. "And,"

is luggage for the names of Howard | She was ushered into a sitting room | men who would work as the women cate, it might be serious if she heard her at first, for her attention centered near Shauesville. Pa., was at work a fragile, fair little lady, quite young inquirer. Miss Laura Conrad, Miss "Invalid!" ejaculated Janetta, as her who lay upon the couch that was Sallie Noll, Mrs. Alvin D. Weller and

der if this Mr. Merivale were a nephew ture, and held out her hand with a rapidity did not seem to be much in

Once fairly started in the brisk | Miss Howard, I'm too tired to get up to very well, when one of the women evening air, Janetta's courage and greet you. Sit down near me, will ventured the remark that they could spirits began to revive, and she could you? I sent Harry off to the smoking beat the men at their own work. The room, as I told him I wanted to talk challenge was accepted. It was agreed to you alone for a bit."

> Janetta shook hands, seated herself in the easy chair to which Miss Seymour pointed, and wondered if she dreamed. This, then, was the Miss Seymour she had pictured as an eccentric old maid, devoted to poodles and parrots!

Even her views about Captain Merivale needed readjusting. Clearly he was not a nephew with expectations! More probably a cousin, possibly a

The thoughts passed rapidly through her mind until, raising her eyes, she was conscious that she was being watched eagerly by her companion.

There was something intensely attractive in the face that looked into her own. It must have been very pretty until ill-health and delicacy had written their lines on it. Even now the shape of it was charming. The flaxen hair that waved on the forehead was abundant and beautifully dressed, the folds of white silk and soft-falling lace were becomingly arranged round the tiny throat; but oh! how Mr. Merivale chatted away so agree- | delicate she looked. Something of the drive passed so quickly that Janetta expression in her face, for Miss Seymour broke the silence with petulant

"You are sorry for me, like every well, or all the doctors lie."

It was quite dark as they drove "I devoutly hope you will, and large quantities, in tomato catsups, ed the profession of arms.-New York through the cobbled streets of the quickly," replied Janetta gently; "and preserves and other food products World. little town; then, by a sharp ascent, you must tell me what I can do to which were sold as pure, and formaldethey climbed the hill just outside it, help you. I'm sure I could carry you, hyde and other preservatives in milk.

of a long, low, irregularly built house. | laughter. "I don't want you for hard | of all is in the case of essence of pep-Mr. Merivale jumped to the ground labor. I wonder if you thought it was permint and essence of cinnamon. and threw the reins to the groom, a lunatic who put that advertisement | These extracts contained wood alcohol, gently lifting Janetta out of the cart. into the paper? Harry declared that a poisonous substance, as one of the in-The next instant they were admitted nobody in her senses would answer it, gredients. In the preparation of these

many that I would not even open them of common alcohol, presumably to A lady of between sixty and seventy, all. I liked your photo. I thought avoid the government tax on alcohol. be not paradoxical to say so, before you were pretty and looked true, so I This condition of affairs is by no told Mrs. Mortimer to take your letter "Allow me to introduce Miss How- and answer it, as if from me, and to flagrant instances of adulteration are return all the others.

"It was Doctor Drake's suggestionthe man you saw at the train tonight. | foods and from many other sources. Harry tells me that he scented the accident from afar, and was on the scene almost directly it happened. He is called clever, but he does not cure

that the remark was in bad taste. shocked every time I'm flippant. less pace. Some negroes living sev. and a man of tremendous energy. Where was I? So I advertised, half eral miles out of town claim to have "We had not met before. I did not course Mrs. Mortimer is very cross, believed, rushing along the road in know that he was Captain Merivale although it won't make the smallest broad daylight. His majesty resemby intuition; but he was very anxious difference in her lot, except that she bled an enormous goat, they said, but

"She is perfectly invaluable in her stone, A smile crossed the narrow face-a way-housekeeper, chaperon, companion, everything rolled into one; but

myself also to be her companion; but hurt her feelings."

"Oh, you will not have much to do. You will be cheerful when I'm sad. and kind when I'm cross; and you won't offer to read aloud unless I ask you, and you will talk when I want you to talk; and, above all things. you won't try palpably to amuse me.

"Nothing bores me like that; and I do hope you can arrange flowers nicely. Mrs. Mortimer makes bouquets as round as pumpkins, and is so annoved when I criticise.

"I wonder," she said, with a rapid change of subject. "how you liked Captain Merivale? I'm engaged to him. you know, and he has come to stay here for a little bit before he goes out to India. He is ordered to the front." "He was very kind," replied Janetta. "I scarcely know how I would have got

We were engaged before I had the fall from my horse which has made me what you see me," went on Miss Seymour, twisting her engagement ring round and round upon her finger. so that every diamond in it caught and "You will have no duties," replied | reflected the light in a thousand rainbow-colored hues.

"It's hard luck that I lie here helpless like this, isn't it, when there is such a life of happiness before me' I'm going to get well, but it's long to wait. Now you can guess how much I shall need cheering when Harry goes abroad. He's very good to me, and declares he's never dull when he comes; but you will try to make it more cheerful for him. If you wait a little while he'll be up again.

"You will not need an introduction after that long drive in the dark. He was pleased with you, because he said you were the only woman in the acci-She found Mrs. Mortimer still alone dent who did not scream."

Janetta laughed. "Terror does not take that form with me; it makes me feel incapable of uttering a sound. I expect I was just as frightened as any

"Well, at any rate, you kept it well tain Merivale had entered the room

(To be continued.)

WOMEN THRASH WHEAT

Four of Them Beat an Equal Number of Men at Their Own Work.

"Yes, they certainly got through mighty quick time," remarked Alvin he added, ruefully, "if I could only hire Mrs. Hannah Weidner, after watching evidence in their work. Mr. Weller "I'm afraid you must come to me, said he thought they were getting on that Farmer Weller and his assistants should thrash a hundred sheaves of wheat and the four women an equal number. The women began the contest and cleaned up their share in record-breaking time. Miss Noll and Mrs. Weller fed the thrashing machine, while Miss Conrad and Mrs. Weidner operated the gasoline engine. Weller and his men then took their turn at a hundred sheaves, but the women were easy victors. Mr. Weller afterward remarked that their skill in keeping the thrashing machine just rightly filled with wheat was remarkable.

PURE-FOOD LAW.

Kentucky Tests Show Fruit Jelly Made Wholly of Glue. The General Assembly of Kentucky recently enacted a law providing for the inspection of food products sold in that state, and intrusted the work to the agricultural experiment station. The station submitted a report showing that fully 40 per cent of all samples of food taken were adulterated. Some of the adulterants used are in jurious to health; others have been which perhaps in some cases was fed Miss Seymour broke into merry to infants. The most striking example essences a mixture of wood alcohol reported in the publications of other stations engaged in the inspection of

Goat Frightened the Negroes. fed the contents of a box of seidlita fizzing began and the goat tore down secured over 100,000 pledges to temperin fun and half in earnest, and of seen Old Nick himself, as they verily that you should not be frightened on | will have to give orders for another | they recognized him as the devil. because he was spitting fire and brim-

Wills Burning of Her Corpse. The most novel provision made in a trade to England and Russell a larger will is that of a St. Louis woman that measure of political liberty. Among

NEW AERIAL FLYER.

INVENTOR SAYS IT WILL NAVI-GATE THE AIR.

Onset Bay Photographer Claims He Has Solved a Vexed Problem - His Idea Presents the Virtue of the Novelty-Points of Its Construction.

(Special Letter.) Photographer John B. Valin of Onset Bay thinks he has solved the problem of aerial navigation. Mr. Valin is not the only man who has entertained that des. There have been scores of others, none of whom have lived to see their theories blossom into facts. Mr. Valin's idea possesses at least the virthe of novelty. He claims that a serew, or "worm," propeller may be itilized for propulsion through the ether as it is commonly used in the denser element, water,

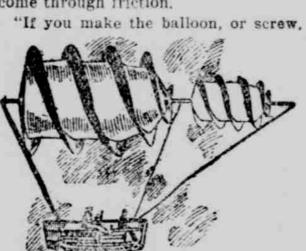
The application of man-power by hand and foot lever in the car of his ingenious outfit to the balloon of 'worm" form is another striking feature. This is designed to apply by transmitting the power by aid of a rope, or, preferably, a light linked steel chain, from the car to the balloon with a ratchet and spring at the point of contact. This force is then expended by revolving the balloon, which screws its way forward through the

Hydrogen gas is utilized to sustain the outfit in the air and to raise it. This is designed for use because of its great lifting power, although it is rather expensive. Hot air cannot readily be used, because it would compel making the balloon very large, unwieldly and to work at a disadvantage. With hydrogen gas long flights can be made and the utility of the airship greatly enhanced. Mr. Valin, in describing from his

model the ratchet and spring application to the axis of the balloon, savs: "It will be very greatly to the advantage, you will see, to employ ball bearings, which will save all possible loss of power in transmission, yet there will be a portion of loss of power

come through friction.

then which it is impossible to over-



THE VALIN AIRSHIP. as you may call it, revolve 200 times in a minute it would make the balloon, if forty feet long, go forward twenty feet for every turn. That is what a screw would do in a solid body. At 200 turns a minute it would go 2,000 feet, or about two-fifths of a mile, in one minute. Of course, out of that you have got to deduct for the friction of the air."

PUBLICITY A FORCE.

Newspaper Comment on Action of West

Point Cadets. The voluntary pledge of the West Point cadets to refrain from hazing and class fighting in future is a gratifying termination of the agitation revived by the World in connection with the death of ex-Cadet Booz. This action is a distinct triumph for "publicity-the greatest moral force in the universe." Through the publicity given to the cowardly and brutal practices at the military school the people have learned exactly what the hazing and bullying there mean, and the cadets have learned what the country thinks of the custom and of those who follow it. As a result these practices are abandoned-the class presidents realizing that "the deliberate judgment of the people should in a country like ours be above all other considerations." It would have been better, from a disciplinary point of view, !f hazing had stopped as the result of a rule of the academy, rigorously enforced. But this has been found difficult, put in to cheapen articles of food. As | and the country will perhaps be just examples of the former, the inspectors | as well satisfied to see it given up volfound so-called "fruit jellies" made untarily by the members of a school wholly or in part of glue and artificial which, in spite of this blemish, has coloring and flavoring matters. They turned out some of the best soldiers found salicylic acid, sometimes in and finest characters that ever honor-

An Aggressive Preacher-Sheriff. Rev. Samuel F. Pearson, the sheriff of Cumberland county, Me., is a man of strong individuality. He is a reformed drunkard, and in his early days reached a level of degradation from which since his conversion to abstinence he has done much to rescue others. He was probably the first man "I had over two hundred answers, so and common alcohol was used in place in Maine to vote the straight prohibithere was a prohibition ticket in the means confined to Kentucky. Equally field, by writing Neal Dow's name on a slip of paper. One of the election offcers held it up and said: "This is Sam Pearson's vote: we'll count it scattering." And young Pearson answered with spirit: "We'll scatter it till the rum shops of Maine are closed." Mr. Some boys in Macon, Mo., recently Pearson served with distinction in the civil war. After the war he settled in "Well, he found me crying one day, powders to a goat belong to a family Portland. In 1872 he began his gospel and he said I ought to have some one which had recently moved into the mission work, and since that date he bright and young and good-tempered neighborhood. Then taking it for has held 8,229 services, conducted 357 about me. You can't call Mrs. Morti- granted that he was thirsty, they led funerals and 229 marriage ceremonies mer any one of those things, can you?" Billy to a near-by trough and permit- and, with Mrs. Pearson, has made 15,-Janetta did not answer; she felt ted him to drink heartily. Soon the 347 visits to the poor. In England he "I sha'n't like you if you look the street toward the woods at a reck. ance. He is an indefatigable worker

> Victoria's Great Prime Ministers. Among the greatest premiers of Queen Victoria's reign were Gladstone, Disraeli, Peel, Palmerston, Russell and Derby, Derby, Palmerston and Disraell attained their greatest distinction in the field of foreign relation, and it is to Disraeli that the queen owed her title of Empress of India. Peel gave free the abolition of purchase in the army and the reform of the Irish land laws.

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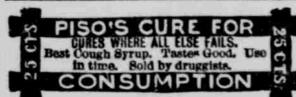
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